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**REPLY TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NON-PROVISIONAL  
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Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application mailed February 19, 2002. Enclosed is an executed Oath and Declaration along with a copy of the Notice.

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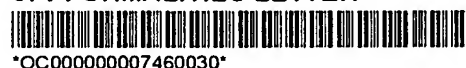
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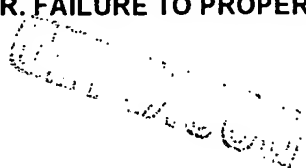
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- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
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- Copy of the International Application
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- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
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